

Proctor-Hamilton House
HA 1914

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HA 1914

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Proctor-Hamilton House

2. Location

street & number 1622 Chestnut Street

~~N/A~~not for publication

city, town Cardiff

vicinity of

congressional district

5th

state Maryland

county Harford

3. Classification

Category

☒ district

☒ building(s)

☐ structure

☐ site

☐ object

Ownership

☒ public

☒ private

☐ both

Public Acquisition

☐ in process

☐ being considered

☒ not applicable

Status

☒ occupied

☐ unoccupied

☐ work in progress

Accessible

☐ yes: restricted

☐ yes: unrestricted

☒ no

Present Use

☐ agriculture

☐ commercial

☐ educational

☐ entertainment

☐ government

☐ industrial

☐ military

☐ museum

☐ park

☒ private residence

☐ religious

☐ scientific

☐ transportation

☐ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Thomas A. and Donna S. Ross

street & number same

telephone no.:(410)836-1038

city, town Cardiff

state and zip code MD, 21024

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse

liber CGH 1588

street & number 20 W. Courtland Pl.

folio 10

city, town Bel Air

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title none

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This large, plain frame house is located on the downhill, west side of Chestnut Street in the town of Cardiff, Maryland. The main I-house is three bays wide and two bays deep with a north-south ridged gable roof. A two bay by two south service ell has a gable roof which is perpendicular to the main roof, and a shed-roofed one bay by two enclosure occupies the entire angle. One internal chimney is located at the west end of the service ell. A simple, open shed-roof porch with square posts runs the length of the east, main facade. The house is sided with tan asbestos shingles, and decoration is limited to simple cut-out porch brackets and black shutters. As typical of and unique to this world-famous slate region, the raised foundation is of coursed slate and the roof is slate shingled.

As with most Victorian era structures, windows exist in this house at every opportunity. The central main entrance is flanked by the building's 2/2 sash variety with three windows articulating the upper three bays. The southern endwall has a two-story three-sided bay window in the eastern bays and single windows in the remaining upper and lower bays. The northern endwall has single windows in all bays. Two small windows are located at both endwall gables. Windows occupy the upper and lower bays of the ell endwall. A side entrance is situated at the southern eastern bay of the ell, with windows above and beside. The two-story shed-roof enclosure has windows in the upper and lower rear bay, with two windows juxtaposed in the upper east and lower west bays of the north side.

An adjoining small Pennsylvania-style barn and two outbuildings are located to the rear of the house on Penn Avenue and Arthur Street. Of simple, functional design, the frame structures have slate-shingled gable roofs and coursed slate foundations, manifesting the area's primary industry and life-blood. The buildings are sided with vertical boards and painted red with white trim. Slight decoration exists at the edging of the barn's roof vent, diamond gable vents, and simple cut-out in the siding at the break between the gable and wall at the endwalls.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Originally owned by Thomas Hawkins (farmer) in a patented land grant known as "Hawkins Chance", this land was part of the tract sold by the Hawkins family to Rowland Parry, a Welsh quarry owner who operated one of the first prominent commercial quarries in the area. It was Parry who exhibited Peach Bottom slate in the London Crystal Palace exposition in 1850, winning it international recognition as the world's finest slate. "Hawkins Chance" was divided and sold in pieces, passing through the hands of Parry's relatives and countrymen. This parcel was part of the acquired lands of Humphrey R. Lloyd's, a Welsh quarry owner who was heavily involved with the development of north Cardiff in late 1800's. No plat of this lot was found.

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10. Geographical Data

Quadrangle scale 24000

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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Bel Air **state** MD

MARYLAND SOCIETY FOR THE
 IMPROVEMENT OF THE
 COLORED PEOPLE
 100 N. W. 10th St.
 Baltimore, Md.

PROCTOR-HAMILTON HOUSE

Title Search

CGH 1588/10	September 28, 1989	Grantor: John R. and Deborah A. Kolhbus Grantee: Thomas A. and Donna S. Ross Granted: town lot of .22 acres with improvements, house and barn
HDC 1221/52	March 12, 1984	Grantor: Gurnice M. Hamilton Grantee: John R. and Deborah A. Kohlbus Granted: same
HDC 1127/833	September 13, 1980	Grantor: Howard R. Hamilton, Personal representative for the Estate of Emma L. Hamilton Grantee: Howard R. and Gurnice M. Hamilton Granted: same
JAR 173/469	August 25, 1921	Grantor: Howard and Emma L. Hamilton Grantee: Charles H. and V. Catherine McNabb Granted: same
JAR 169/457	August 30, 1920	Grantor: Maggie (Hazlett) and Walter Proctor Grantee: S. Howard Hamilton Granted: same, described as having 35 perches
WSF 83/208	January 30, 1895	Grantor: Humphrey R. and Jane H. Lloyd Grantee: Maggie Hazlett Proctor Granted: 3 perches
ALJ 69/358	February 2, 1891	Grantor: Humphrey R. and Jane H. Lloyd Grantee: Maggie Hazlett Proctor Granted: 32 perches for \$125.00, describes a 20' lane (Arthur St.?) with a 15' alley (Penn Alley), and fronting an un-named street (Chestnut) 50'
ALJ 36/192	December 22, 1877	Grantor: Richard and Mary Hughes et al. Grantee: Humphrey R. Lloyd Granted: acreage unmentioned This deed describes the following unrecorded transactions:
	October 18, 1864 (unrecorded)	Grantor: Edward R. Edwards and wife Grantee: Richard Hughes
	(date unknown) (unrecorded)	Grantor: Rowland Parry Grantee: Edward R. Edwards Rowland Parry sold this land to Edward R. Edwards but never gave him legal title. Rowland Parry died and named Owen Parry and John Michael as owners of his land in trust.

HDG 36/212	January 22, 1850	Grantor: Archibald A. and Nancy Hawkins Grantee: Rowland Perry (Parry) Granted: part of "Hawkins Chance" for \$850.00, acreage unknown
HDG 34/492	February 9, 1849	Grantor: Edward Proctor et al. Grantee: Archabald A. Hawkins Granted: "Hawkins Chance", being part of Thomas Hawkins landholdings; 74 acres 5 perches
HD 14/336	August 3, 1831	Grantor: Isaac Hawkins, heir to Thomas Hawkins Grantee: Thomas Proctor, heir to Edward Proctor Granted: The eighth part of land tracts "Hawkins Chance", "Williams Birthright", Mount Pleasant", and "Montgomerys Delight" . The four tracts contain 188 acres total. No mention of "eighth part" acreage.
Land Tract, Patented	After March 1774, when Harford est.	"Hawkins Chance", tract of 74 acres 5 perches granted to Thomas Hawkins. Located on the Maryland and Pennsylvania line at the north end of present day Cardiff. Divided, sold, and reworked often.

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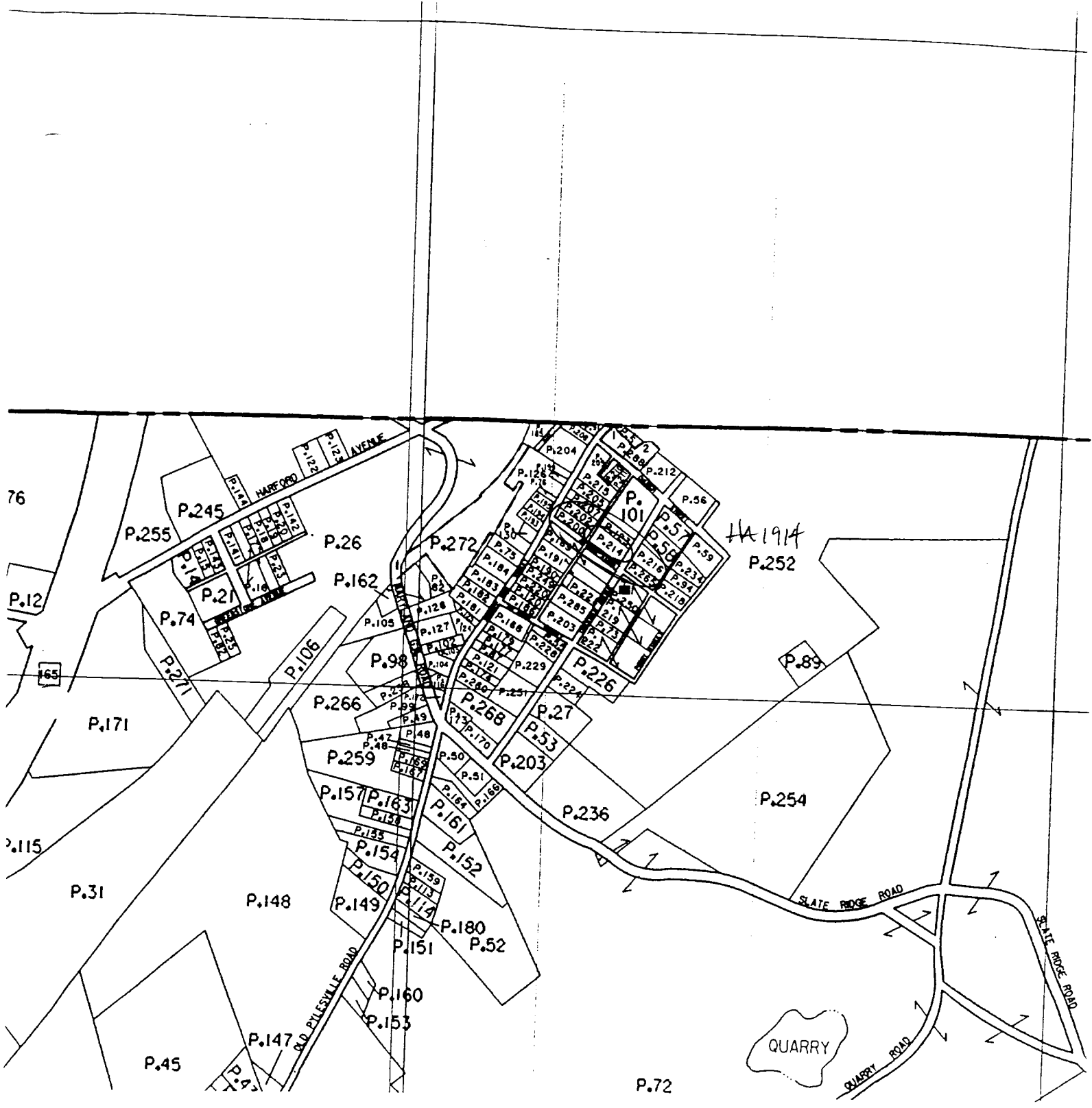
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Parcel 214, Tax Map 5

150 000 FEET
(PA.)

4399

4398

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PENNSYLVANIA
MARYLAND

32

YORK CO
HARFORD CO

FIVE FORKS 3 MI.
GRACE TOWN 0.6 MI.

WHITEFORD

136

ROAD

DOOLEY

MARYLAND

165

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Cardiff

SLATE RIDGE

550

Slate Ridge School

Fire Observation
Station No. 77
Whiteford

QUARRY

700

Whiteford

GRADE ROAD

474

WHEELER

SCHOOL ROAD

RAILROAD

4395

165

OLD

PYLESVILLE

Pylesville

BM 358

5763 III NW
(FAWN GROVE)

165

374

513

HILL 0.4 MI
SEWER 2.1 MI

USGS Delta Quadrangle
1: 24000
Proctor-Hamilton House





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Tram - same as above
Harford County, Maryland
Dramatic Plan -

3/95

Maryland SHRO

~~Chris Wecker, Harford County, Dept. of Planning & Zoning~~
View from site to from Chestnut Street

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Feb 1914

Tr. H. - Hamilton House
Harford County, Maryland
Dianne H. H.

3/95

Maryland SHPE

~~Chris Weeks, Harford County Dept. of Planning & Zoning~~
Barn and outbuildings at Iron Avenue and
Lakewood Street, view northwest

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Truck - same as the house
Hargett & Company, Maryland
Marine List

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Maryland SH PO

~~3-15~~ ~~Marine Hargett Co. Dept of Planning & Zoning~~
Barn and outbuildings at Penn Avenue and Arthur
Street, view east

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Froster - Hamilton House
Harford County, Maryland
Danne Hall -

3/95

Maryland SHPC

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Detail of barn foundation on Penn Avenue & Arthur
Street

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Harford County Maryland

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Maryland SHPC

~~Chris Weiler, Harford County Dept of Planning & Zoning~~

Detail of barn gable on Penn Avenue and Gibson Street
view northeast

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Treats - Hamilton House
Harford County, Maryland
Lorraine Hunt

3, 95

Maryland SHIC
~~Chris Hunt~~ Harford County, Dept. of Planning & Zoning
Park and outbuildings at Penn Avenue & Arthur Street
View along Arthur Street west

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